

Town of Loxahatchee Groves
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District, 101 West "D" Road

MINUTES

1. Opening

a. Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Browning called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor David Browning, Vice Mayor Ryan Liang and Councilmen Tom Goltzené and Ronald D. Jarriel. Also present were Town Manager Mark Kutney, Town Clerk Janice M. Moore, and Town Attorney Michael D. Cirullo, Jr. Councilman Rockett arrived at 7:05 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mayor Browning

c. Invocation - Given by Mayor Browning

d. Additions and Deletions – *None*

e. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Vice Mayor Liang moved to **approve** the Agenda as presented. Councilman Jarriel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Motion carried 4-0).**

2. Consent Agenda

a. Invoice – Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A. for September 2011

b. Approval of Minutes: September 20, 2011 2nd Budget Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

Motion: Vice Mayor Liang moved to **approve** the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Jarriel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Motion carried 4-0).**

3. Presentations – *None*

4. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Advisory & Audit Committee (Meeting September 27, 2011 – Lung Chiu, Chairman)

Committee Member Elise Ryan reported that the Committee did not have a quorum, so the approval of the financials was being delayed until October 24th. She noted that questions were answered and an overview of transition was presented.

5. Public Hearings – Ordinances 2nd Reading - None

6. Ordinances – 1st Reading – None

7. Resolutions – None

8. Old Business

- a. Selection of Agenda Topics for Workshop with Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District on Saturday, November 5, 2011 (Cont'd from Council Meeting 9/20/11)

Mayor Browning suggested combining the Town and Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District (LGWCD) and spoke about cooperation with the roads with the OGEM. Councilman Goltzené suggested focusing on the trail system and the hedging of the roads. He noted that there was public confusion about the roads. Councilman Goltzené suggested an initial meeting in early December with input from the LGWCD and to have several meetings afterwards. Councilman Jarriel suggested bringing the two (2) entities together, but preferred a meeting after the 1st of the year. He noted that more people could attend and give feedback. He added that it would give the new management time to get organized. Councilman Rockett supported a meeting in January and requested a factual representation.

Public Comment

Former Councilman & Resident Dennis Lipp, 13402 North Road, suggested getting a bond with discussion and public input and place on the ballot for November 2012. He noted that there were 26 miles of roads in the Town.

John Ryan, 3508 A Road, suggested a referendum for additional roads and revising the finances on the individual segments.

Further Discussion

By consensus, the Town Council agreed to **set** the 1st meeting preferably on January 14, 2012 or as its second preference, January 28, 2012.

b. Discussion of Prioritizing Capital Improvement Projects List (Cont'd from Council Meeting 9/20/11)

Mayor Browning spoke of seeking out hedging companies that would cut back the brush. Councilman Rocket expressed focusing on safety enhancements and suggested solar power signage and reflectors. He spoke of the reshaped guard rails, adding OGEM at 100 feet and putting money into the road fund. Vice Mayor Liang spoke of red lights. Mayor Browning suggested using gas tax money to supplement funds and land acquisition being inexpensive. Councilman Goltzené encouraged the use of different modes of transportation, an interconnected system, and being a model for other places.

By consensus, the Town Council **agreed** to the Capital Improvement Projects List as follows:

1. Red Light
2. Roads
3. Trails
4. Land Acquisition

Discussion took place regarding the Anna Mann Property for auction the next morning and consideration for making a possible bid. Due to the current investment policy preventing the Council to purchase the property, not having detailed knowledge of the property, and the Council's issue of agreeing on a bid in a public forum, the Town Council decided not pursue it any further; however, Town Manager Kutney suggested creating a policy for land acquisition for the future.

Public Comment

Resident Ken Johnson noted that the signage of the roads had improved, but there was still a lot to be done. He further noted that there were problems with dual name roads and guardrails. Mr. Johnson expressed concern for the condition of homemade wooden signs following a hurricane.

John Ryan, 3508 A Road, spoke about labeling the road and suggested concrete monument signs. Councilman Rockett noted concrete monument signs would remain during and after a hurricane. Mr. Ryan also spoke about the county deed auction.

- c. Update on Status of Insurance Company Payment to Town for 148th Street Culvert/Bridge (Town Attorney)

Town Attorney Cirullo reported on the following options: 1) For the Town to own it and keep it open (by resolution). 2) A contract within 90 days to have it built, money in escrow and accepted by the District. 3) Execution of a general release for the Town.

Town Attorney Cirullo suggested meeting with the LGWCD for input. George Perez, WBI, noted that the Town could get a possible 30 day extension. Town Attorney Cirullo noted that there was still some “gray areas” that needed to be addressed.

By consensus, the Town Council **agreed** to postpone the item for further information until the next meeting.

9. New Business

- a. Request for Funding of \$500 for Loxahatchee Groves Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization Walk-a-Thon on Tuesday, October, 11, 2011. If approved, funds are available in Account 001-511-550. (Councilman Jarriel) \$2500 in Fund.

Motion: Councilman Jarriel moved to **approve** the request for funding. Councilman Rockett seconded the motion.

Public Comment

Resident Doreen Baxter spoke against this request.

Former Councilman & Resident Dennis Lipp, 13402 North Road, spoke against this request.

Vote: All voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Mayor Browning who voted in the negative. **(Motion carried 4-1).**

- b. Addendum Items (If needed) - *None*

10. Administrative Update

Town Manager Kutney spoke of the disposal of old office furniture at Town Hall. Councilman Jarriel noted that the former town management purchased it from Resident Marge Herzog for \$300.00. By consensus, the Town Council directed Town Manager Kutney to donate the old office furniture.

Town Manager Kutney noted that the management team was getting acclimated, making changes and enjoying themselves.

Councilman Goltzené commented about the former management's spending.

11. Closing Comments

a. Public Comments

Resident Dennis Lipp announced the following upcoming meeting: October 13th Planning and Zoning Board at 7:00 p.m.

b. Town Attorney Comments

Town Attorney Cirullo provided an overview of the option to move the Town Election from March 2012 to the January 31st Presidential Primary.

By consensus, the Council **agreed** to leave the March 2012 Election as scheduled.

c. Town Council Member Comments

Councilman Goltzené thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilman Jarriel thanked everyone for attending the meeting and recommended a plaque or a certificate of appreciation for the former town clerk and former town manager.

Vice Mayor Liang thanked everyone for attending the meeting, welcomed the new Management Team and said "Go Gators!"

Councilman Rockett requested a review of the procurement policies to be placed on the next agenda. He also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

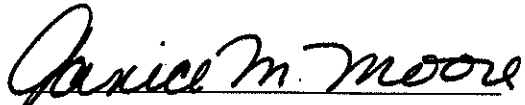
Mayor Browning noted that he was not in favor of the plaque of certificate of appreciation because the positions were not appointed. He requested that the debris management RFP be revisited for discussion at a future meeting. Councilman Jarriel requested Town Manager Kutney research if FEMA provides reimbursement to management companies.

Town Manager Kutney requested a clarification on the plaque/certificate request, to which the Town Council agreed, but Councilman Jarriel noted he was in favor of doing so.

d. Adjournment

Councilman Rockett moved to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Councilman Jarriel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Motion carried 5-0).**

**These minutes were approved by the
Town Council on Tuesday, October 18, 2011.**


Janice M. Moore, Town Clerk


Mayor David Browning

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